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KANSAS BOARD OF VETERINARY EXAMINERS  
Thursday, December 19, 2013  
Conference Call Meeting

This meeting of the Kansas Board of Veterinary Examiners was called to order at 7:03am by Board President Dr. Bogue and held via conference call. Board Members in attendance in addition to Dr. Bogue were Drs. Layton, Kobuszewski, Norton, and Olson. Board Member Carlson and Manderick were not in attendance. Also present were agency staff Cheryl Mermis, Dirk Hanson, and Board General Counsel Athena Andaya.

President Bogue recognized and welcomed all in attendance.

Dr. Olson provided the Board an update from the December 18, 2013 Task Force meeting. The Task Force reviewed and discussed [4] options for continuation of the KBVE; Dr. Olson presented those options to the Board. After discussions between board members, Dr. Norton made and Dr. Kobuszewski seconded a motion to authorize the Board's representative on the Task Force to agree to recommend a merger between the KBVE and the Kansas Department of Agriculture (KDA), Division of Animal Health, effective 7/1/2014 with the office and designated agency staff to relocate to the new KDA facility in Manhattan, Kansas. A bill draft reflecting the major components of a proposed merger which maintains the Board independence regarding the current powers of the Board, along with a mutually agreed upon sunset provision, effective on June 30, 2016, will be drafted by the Office of the Revisor of Statutes. The Task Force would remain in place and provide a comprehensive report of the interim merger, to the Board and Legislators, prior to June 30, 2016. If, at the end of the two years, the KDA and the KBVE determines sufficient efficiencies are obtained with the merger, legislation would be jointly introduced to delete the sunset provision. Otherwise, no action on behalf of the Board is necessary to effectuate the dissolution of the merger between the KDA and the KBVE. The motion passed on a voice vote with no dissenting votes.

An additional Task Force Meeting will occur on January 3, 2014 at the KVMA office in Topeka.

Norton made and Kobuszewski seconded a motion to hire a temporary employee to provide administrative assistance, for 30-45 days, until the new executive director begins work on January 27, 2014. This would be a contractual agreement for compensation not to exceed \$1,500. The motion passed on a voice vote with no dissenting votes.

Olson made and Layton seconded a motion to approve the minutes of the December 6, 2013 meeting. The motion passed on a voice vote with no dissenting votes.

The next meeting of the Board will be February 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup>, 2014 in Topeka.

The meeting adjourned 8:09 a.m.

*Mark Olson - Vice President*  
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